(ii) Oil fields entering the natural declining phase.

(iii) Constraints in operating on account of law and order problems and insurgency.

(iv) Frequent power shutdown in Eastern region affected artificicial lift operations.

(v) Stoppage of work in Nagaland.

The steps taken to boost exploration of crude oil and natural gas are-

(i) Encouraging the participation of private/joint venture companies in oil exploration and development.

(ii) Intensifying exploration of hydrocarbons and increasing reserves through seismic surveys, deep water exploration, acquisition of acreages/reserves abroad and exploration in frontier areas.

LPG Agencies

1792 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the private agencies/outlets given permission/ licence to sell LPG;

(b) the steps taken to ensure maintenance of safety requirements/standard by such outlets;

(c) whether any LPG bottling plants are located in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any new LPG bottling plants are proposed to be set up in Kerala;

(f) if so, the location-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) With the decanalisation of imports of LPG in April, 1993 followed by amendments of the relevant Control Order in August, 1993, no permission/licence is required by the interested parties for importing and marketing LPG in India at market determined prices; but they have to fulfil all other statutory requirements and applicable laws of the State/UT Govt. concerned.

(b) Marketing of both bulk and packed LPG under Parallel Marketing Schemes has to conform to the provisions of the amended LPG Control Order of August, 1993 and the applicable provisions of the SMPV Rules, 1981 (Unfired), OISD Guidelines for LPG Bottling Plants and Gas Cylinder Rules, 1981 etc.

(c) and (d). As per the information from Chief Controller of Explosives, one bottling plant has been granted licence in private sector in Kerala. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas does not monitor the licencing and operation of bottling plant in private sector.

Whereas PSU Oil Companies are concerned the following bottling plants are operating in Kerala :

Location	Existing Bottling Capacity (TMTPA)
Cochin	44
Trivandrum	44
Calicut	18
Palghat	10

(e) and (f). As per the information from CCOE, seven bottling plants have been approved by them in private sector in Kerala. Apart from above there are plants to set up one LPG bottling plant of 22 TMTPA capacity by IOC at Quilon in Kerala under VIII Plan period.

[Translation]

Indian Institute of Public Administration

1793. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to close down the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the amount allocated to I.I.P.A. during each of the last three years;

(d) whether any bungling or corruption case has been unearthed; and

(e) if so, whether any bungling or corruption case has been unearthed; and

(f) if so, the action taken against the corrupt officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a).

(c) The amount allocated to the Indian Institute of Public Administration for the last three years was as below :

(Rs. in Lakhs)

	Plan	Non-Plan
1993-94	45.00	115.99
1994-95	50.00	119.96
1995-96	35.00	197.80

(d) The accounts of IIPA, including the expenditure, have been audited upto the year 1995-96;

(e) No such case has been brought out by the Audit Reports.

(f) Does not arise, in view of (e).

[English]

Right to Residence

1794. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a significant ruling, the Supreme Court observed right to residence for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classess and urban poor;

(b) if so, the details regarding the observations made by the Supreme Court; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). In a recent judgement in C.A. No. 12992/96 (Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Vs. Nawab Khan Gulab Khan and Ors.) the Hon'ble Supreme Court have observed, inter-alia :

(i) "Right to shelter, therefore, includes adequate living space, safe and decent structure, clean and decent surroundings, sufficient light, pure air and water, electricity, sanitation and other civic amenities like roads etc.

(ii) As is enjoined in the Directive Principals, the State should be deemed to be under an obligation to secure it for its citizens, of course subject to its economic budgeting.

(iii) It would therefore be the duty of the State to provided right to shelter to the poor and indigent weaker sections of the society in fulfilment of the constitutional objectives.

(iv) It would, therefore, be of necessity that the policy of the Government in executing the policies of providing housing accommodation either to the rural poor or the urban poor, should be such that the lands allotted or houses constructed/plots allotted be in such a manner that all the sections of the society, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled tribes, Backward Classes and other poor are integrated as cohesive social structure."

(c) Government is committed to the progressive realisation of the right to adequate housing through a number of concreate measures outlined in the National Housing Policy.

Break Water Wave Power Generation System

1795. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the technology for construction of Integrated Break Water Wave Power Generating System has been fully developed;

(b) whether any such project is being undertaken in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to evolve an integrated plan in consultation with Agriculture Ministry, Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources and Water Resources; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (e). The technology for construction of integrated break water wave power generating system has not been fully developed. There is neither any proposal for such a project to be undertaken in Orissa, nor to prepare an integrated plan for this purpose.

[Translation]

Construction of Roads in Kanpur

1796. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether construction work of important roads of Kanpur city (U.P.) has not been commenced so far even after funds were released one year backs;

(b) whether the Government propose to conduct any enquiry into the matter;

(c) if so, by when;

(d) if not the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to check irregularities in the Public Works Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Improvement and reconstruction of city roads of Kanpur was sanctioned on 5.2.96 for Rs. 250.00 lakhs and part